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SUBJECT: THE FRENCH INTERNAL SCENE AND CONTACTS WITH THE
PCF.

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THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTEL ARE MOST WELCOME, AND WILL
BE CONSIDERED AS THE RELEVANT DECISIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES
ARISE. REGARDING SUGGESTIONS ON RELATIONS WITH THE PCF, WE
RECOGNIZE THAT THE COMMUNISTS MAY WELL SEEK TO UPGRADE
THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE US GOVERNMENT IN LINE WITH THEIR
CURRENT CAMPAIGN TO PROJECT A MODERATE AND RESPONSIBLE
IMAGE, PARTICULARLY AS THEY FEEL THEIR ENTRY INTO THE GOVERN-
MENT BECOMING MORE LIKELY AND MORE IMMINENT. EMBASSY'S
PRESENT GUIDELINES PROVIDE LEEWAY FOR SOME INCREASE IN
WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE PCF, WHICH HAVE IN RECENT
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YEARS BEEN LIMITED LARGELY BY LACK OF PCF INTEREST WE ARE
NOT CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT RAISING THE LEVEL OF EMBASSY
PARTICIPATION IS DESIRABLE. WE DO NOT IN OUR DEALINGS WITH
THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WISH TO APPEAR TO EQUATE THE COMMU-
NISTS WITH THE SOCIALISTS. IN ADDITION, NOTHING IN THE
MEETINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD WITH PCF REPRESENTATIVES TO
DATE WOULD INDICATE THAT CONTACTS AT ANY LEVEL WOULD BE

LIKELY TO SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE PCF CONDUCT, OR PROVIDE
IMPORTANT INSIGHTS INTO THE PARTY'S BEHAVIOR NOT OTHERWISE
AVAILABLE.
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